



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 872

LCO No. 2936

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE LIABILITY OF AN OWNER OF A MOTOR
VEHICLE FOR VIOLATION OF A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 14-107 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 The owner, operator or lessee of any motor vehicle may be
4 prosecuted jointly or individually for violation of any provision of
5 section 10a-79, 10a-84, 10a-92, 10a-139 or 13a-157, subsection (a) of
6 section 14-13, section 14-18, section 14-39 so far as it relates to the
7 registration of motor vehicles, section 14-80, sections 14-80b, 14-80h,
8 14-80i and 14-99f, sections 14-96a to 14-96aa, inclusive, or section 14-
9 228, 14-251, 14-252, 14-260 or 14-267a. Whenever there occurs a
10 violation of section 10a-79, 10a-92, 10a-139, 13a-157, 14-218a, 14-219, 14-
11 222, 14-223, 14-224 or 14-253a, [or] sections 14-275 to 14-281, inclusive,
12 or section 14-299 or a violation of an ordinance, bylaw or regulation of
13 any town, city or borough in regard to parking, proof of the
14 registration number of any motor vehicle therein concerned shall be
15 prima facie evidence in any criminal action or in any action based on
16 an infraction that the owner was the operator thereof, except in the

17 case of a leased or rented motor vehicle, such proof shall be prima facie
18 evidence in any criminal action that the lessee was the operator
19 thereof.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a presumption that the registered owner of a motor vehicle is the operator if such motor vehicle is observed or photographed running a red light or otherwise violating a traffic control signal.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]